

Remarks

Election/Restriction

The Examiner is of the opinion that two distinct inventions are claimed in the instant application and requires Applicant to elect a single group of claims identified by the Examiner for prosecution on the merits. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1 – 17, drawn to a method of producing Bisphenol-A, classified in class 568, subclass 724; and

Group II: Claims 18 – 23, drawn to a system for producing Bisphenol-A, classified in class 422, subclass 129+.

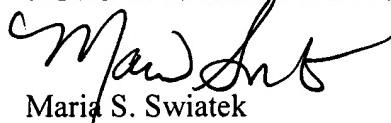
Applicant hereby elects Group II, Claims 18 - 23, directed to a system for producing Bisphenol-A, without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the remaining non-elected claims in one or more subsequent divisional applications.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-71205-1/MSS (469332-23).

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